

76. (New) The method of Claim 72, further comprising:

surrounding a first side of the conductive contact plug opposite the transistor active area with a third barrier to corrosion, wherein the third barrier comprises a conductive material and electrically connects the capacitor with the contact conductive contact plug; and

surrounding a second side of the conductive contact plug nearest the transistor active area with a fourth barrier to corrosion, wherein the fourth barrier comprises a conductive material and electrically connects the transistor active area with the contact conductive contact plug.

77. (New) The method of Claim 72, further comprising surrounding at least one of a bit line or a word line on the substrate with an insulating layer including a sidewall portion and a cap portion, wherein portions of the at least one of a bit line or a word line contact the second barrier.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of allowed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/268,176, which was filed on March 15, 1999 ("the parent application").

CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS AND THE SPECIFICATION

The Applicants wish to inform the Examiner that the present specification differs from the specification filed in the parent application in that the present specification includes reference to the parent application in Paragraph No. [001], replaces line numbering with paragraph numbering, and incorporates various typographical corrections in the parent specification brought to light during the prosecution of the same. Moreover, the Applicants replaced the drawings of the parent application with drawings incorporating various typographical corrections in the parent drawings also brought to light during the prosecution thereof.

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CLAIMS

By way of the present amendment, the Applicants cancelled Claims 1-65 of the parent application without prejudice or disclaimer, and added new Claims 66-77. Claims 66-77 remain pending for consideration.

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.01, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants' undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner. Applicants' attorney can be reached at (949) 721-2946 or at the number listed below.

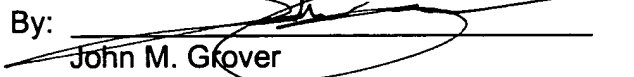
CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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